

BIG BONE LICK STATE PARK 21st ANNUAL

SALT FESTIVAL:

LEWIS AND CLARK THE HOMECOMING
OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2006

Welcome to the 2006 Salt Festival: Lewis and Clark The Homecoming! This year we are commemorating the 200th anniversary return of Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and their Corps of Discovery expedition from their arduous journey to the Pacific Northwest Territory. If you visited Big Bone Lick State Park during the 2003 Salt Festival you will recall our celebration of and visit by the Corps Of Discovery during the earliest days of their journey.

In November 1806, after two long adventurous years, this tired group of explorers returned to Louisville, Kentucky. After a brief rest period and visit with friends and family, Lewis and Clark left with separate parties for Washington D.C. to report their discoveries to President Thomas Jefferson. Their route took them southeast through Kentucky along the famed Wilderness Road through Cumberland Gap. Their trip back to Washington did not bring them through Big Bone Lick. However, upon hearing of the discoveries made here during the infancy of the Corps of Discovery's expedition, Jefferson assigned William Clark to return here the following year for further investigations.

Over the course of this weekend, we will have programs and demonstrations that will celebrate and recall the spirit of the early pioneers, explorers, and American Indian. As you walk through the pioneer camps and listen to the stories and music of our nation's early settlers, take a moment to reflect on their challenging lives and courage that helped weave the patriotic fabric of this

